By Walter Delaney

(Copyright, 1916, by W. G. Chapman.) I was for years a train rider. Do you know what that means? If you do, you are wiser than the great majority, for the phrase is a new one and covers a calling somewhat its jar, risk and peril, and would probably be one today but for Imogene-

a railroad employee, but always on him farther down the line. their corporate pay roll. He is a special officer. The pay is eighty-five dollars per month, and fifteen dollars extra for expenses. The work is neither regular nor onerous, only the train rider of a railroad division must be at the censorious and unalterable beck and call of the railroad at all odd, even or unusual hours.

In a word, my functions were these: to proceed on order to a certain train to locate a special freight car and until that car left the end of the division not to allow it or its contents to leave my sight for a single moment of time. When I turned my watch and ward over to the car rider of the next division my duties were completed, all except sending in a report of any untoward incidents that might attend the transmission of the car of which I was the guardian.

Sometimes it was a blooded horse, bullion, once a few small boxes containing watch springs. Valueless seeming tiny pieces of steel, I was amazed when I learned that this preclous consignment represented nearly a million dollars,

I was notified to meet a freight at Hopeton at noon one day and presented myself to find the train stationary on a switch at the end of the yard. Beyond this was the residence section and open country. My car was No. 4321 A, I recall. I saw to the seals, made a memoranda of the transit card and mounted to my post on the top of the car. It had a small grated window at either end and a movable ventilator trap about the center of the car. I opened this and investigated the interior of the car, for it was a slow run of some eighteen hours. In case of rain I was at liberty to go inside. I flashed my electric light tube down into the dark void beneath, made out what from experience I took to be a shipment of bro



A Red-Faced, Excited Man Rushed Up

cades and velvets and marked out the spot where I would rest if driven to shelter by the elements. A call from the brakeman down the

track sent me toward the iron ladder at the side of the car. Just as I reached the edge of the roof to descend I drew back. A stranger, ascending, fairly forced me back. In wonderment I faced a beautiful young girl, though pale and distracted looking. She was gasping for breath and directed a frightened giance back over to town, work flercely at your job till roof as though exhausted. I noticed that the filmy dress she wore was forn as if by brambles or fence wire. She wore no hat or wrap and her hair was disheveled. "Does-does this train start soon?"

she panted out. "Why, yes," I answered, "but not

with regular passengers."

"I know, I know," she breathed hur riedly, "but couldn't I stay here and ride just a little? I wouldn't make that isn't a day's work it is because any trouble. I'd keep real quiet," she it takes part of the night to finish added, with eyen full of a piteous entreaty that stirred my heart. Just then the signal whistle was repeated. "I will be back in a minute and see what I can do for you," I said, marvel-

ing greatly, for at a glance I discerned that this was no girl tramp or that genus and I was at a loss to sense the -cause of her distraction.

When I got to the ground down near the caboose the conductor was waving a paper. It proved to be orders to belt road the car I was in Just as I completed reading it a redfaced, excited man rushed up. Pomp-ous, trascible, I think he had the meanest countenance and the most treacherous eyes I have ever seen.

"You, men!" he shouted. "Have you een anything of a girl?" and he rattled out a description of the very person whom I had left on top of my car

"Look in the caboose—there's six way fares there," observed the con-ductor, and I burried back to my car to find no trace of the mysterious young lady who had so recently appealed to my chivalry and sympathy

She was gone. I scanned the lavel stretch beyond the tracks, expecting to glimpse her flying form, for I doubted not that she was a runaway. I amber bead.—London Globe. She was gone. I scanned the lavel

WW WW W W pitied her if the man I had just seen was her guardian or relative.

She did not drift soon out of my mind. So vividly had she impressed me that I could reproduce her mentally with clearness. We made our run and dusk came on just as we reached the junction. As we made up a new train and got well on to the belt spur I determined to open the trap in the roof and get inside and by the aid of my flashlight enjoyed the lunch I had ossed among the packages below.

We were just passing an overhead bridge when I caught a fleeting glimpse of a descending form. In a flash my suspicions were excited, and rightly. A man had dropped to the roof of the car from the girders. He bore down upon me.

Of course I realized what was doing. A gang were after the contents unique. A train rider I was, with all of the special car, and here was the forerunner of the group. He made for me and we collided. I went flat, and peerless, patient, practical-sharing he, too. He was intent on throwing me off the car and later cast the pre-A train rider is a man not listed as clous freight to confreres awaiting

I slid and, lying extended, seized the rod of the brake wheel. He would be upon me in another moment, when he uttered a sharp cry. Turning, I saw a figure beside the open trap. I saw the ankle of my enemy seized. He was swung backwards and then squarely over the side of the car into

The girl! In a flashing second I understood it all. She had got down into the car hours before, doubtless frightened into hiding from the man who was looking for her. She had thrown back the scuttle cover just in time to save the freight and myself.

And now, having shown the courage of a true woman, she became timid and reticent. I could not influence her to explain her situation. "Only to get away from persecution!" she uttered more than once, and shuddered. "Only to find some secluded more often an opulent shipment of home, a shelter, a safe retreat for a single month!"

I won upon her confidence during that strange night journey. When we reached the terminus I took her to the home of my sister. She told her everything, but the information was not imparted to me then.

The company traced the man who had been halted so summarily in his scheme to loot the special car. They found him a cripple for life and broke up his thieving gang.

By the end of the month my mystery girl became my true love. In another thirty days I was ordered by this imperious little tyrant to abandon hard work and peril.

"For I am an heiress, you see," said Elvira, "and the cruel guardian I was escaping from, bent on forcing me to marry his son, has no further power over your loving and happy wife." So I ceased to be a car rider, but blessed the day ever that made me one, whereby I gained the love of the dearest little woman in the world.

### APT DESCRIPTION OF AIRMAN

Secretary's Bright Thought Abruptly Put an End to the Troubles of the Toastmaster.

The toastmaster was preparing for his duties. He looked over the list of speakers.

"Here is Von Soar," he said to his secretary. "He's the crazy airman. -the fellow who batic stunts in midair. I'd like to introduce him in some original sort of way. Can you think of anything?" The secretary straightway looked

thoughtful. "How would it do to call him the

ark of the loop-the-loop?"

"Don't like it." "The soaring tumblebug?"

"No. no."

"The snipe of the somersault?" "I don't think he'd be pleased." The secretary looked more thought-

"What does he really do?" "Why, he flies upside down and cuts

lgure 8's." The secretary brightened up. "Figure 8's I've got it! Call him the Flying Pretzel!"

"Fine!" cried the toastmaster.

A Day's Work. What constitutes a day's work?-Hartselle Enterprise. Get up in the morning, dress, shave with a cheap razor, bring in enough coal for the day, hold the baby while breakfast is being prepared, eat hurriedly, rush dinner; then walk hurriedly home, hold the baby while the mid-day meal is being put on the table, then after eating, hurry back to the job. After which, work till 6:30 and go home for the evening meal, and hold the baby while the cook and the housewife are preparing the meal. After supper put the baby to sleep, bring in some more coal, shut the water off, if it's a threatening night bring the flowers in, put the cat out, and poke up the fire. If in hospital work in France. your tasks.-Montgomery Advertiser.

Violins Keeping Tone.

which has been seasoned for many rears, sometimes centuries, buying beams from ancient buildings for the purpose. Changes in the grain of the ering, will affect the tone of a violin materially. The Italian school of the generations that follow; and makers invented varnishes which were laden with this, their precious believed to have preservative qualities when we reached a certain junction. and to prevent changes in timber texture. If your violin is made of perfectly seasoned wood, and is well treated with a good varnish, it should preserve its tone all right.

> Children Find Viking Refice. An interesting find of Viking relics of the ninth century was recently discovered at Valtos, in the island of it to the test." Lewis, by schoolchildren. The relies consisted of a pair of large ovai brooches of a noted Scandinavian type, a small pennannular brooch, a disk-shaped ornament with a central boss and a decoration of interlaced

# AMERICAN WAGON TRAIN FINDS GOOD CAMPING PLACE



Wagon train of the American expedition in Mexico arriving on the outskirts of Las Cruces to camp for the night. They had just completed a 32-mile hike through the mountain passes of Mexico. The arid mesa of Mexico is not broken up with many watering places such as is depicted in the photograph, so much care is exercised in selecting stopping places for the night.

# ST. PAUL SCHOOLBOYS ARE BIRD LOVERS



The boys of the sixth and seventh grades of the St. Paul, Minn., public schools with their birdhouses on their way to the bird exhibition held in the Auditorium, St. Paul. John Burroughs opened the exhibition by pressing an electric button at his home at Westpark, N. Y. Over 5,000 boys took part in this unique exhibition, and the hundreds of different designs of birdhouses excited the interest of thousands of visitors. The exhibition is in line with the movement to make St. Paul a city of birds and flowers.

#### SHE RECRUITS IN CANADA



\*\*\* Mrs. Clara Sanderson Laub, here photographed in her military costume is the only woman recruiting officer in Canada. She has been at that work for several months in and about Ontario after spending more than a year

Precious Language.

Language is the amber in which a thousand precious thoughts have been safely embedded and preserved. The best violin makers use timber it has arrested ten thousand lightning flashes of genius, which, unless thus fixed and arrested, might have been as bright, but would have also been as quickly passing and perishwood caused by shrinkage, or weath- ing as the lightning. Words convey the mental treasures of one period to freight, they sail safely across gulfs of time in which empires have suffered shipwreck, and the languages of common life have sunk into oblivion.-Trench.

> His Way. "I knew a man who was very much afraid he would be loved not for himself but for his advantages, so he put

> "How did he do that?" "Wrote an anonymous letter to the girl he loved asking her to marry

"What will you give me if I get this divorce for you?" asked the lawyer. "Oh, say," replied the client. "you can have my wife, if you want her!"

# MEXICAN RAIDERS UNDER GUARD



These Mexicans were members of the party that raided Columbus, N. M., and were picked up in the mountains. They are guarded by American soldiers.

# FIELD HOSPITAL AT CASAS GRANDES



Seventh field hospital corps at Casas Grandes, where all the injured and the sick of the expedition are being cared for.

#### TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES

A pigeon roosted on the minute hand of the town clock of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and caused the mayor to

miss his train. Eighteen thousand bricks can be manufactured by the steam process in ten hours.

headlight reflectors made of gold rolled on copper bases are said to be unaffected by heat, dampness or sait air and to provide light of great penetration in fog.

Statisticians figure that average Americans apend 45 per cent of their incomes for food and 20 per cent for rent.

Montana flax is being sold in Ire land for \$400 a ton. The price before the war was \$180 a ton.

Admiral Jellicoe of the British navy was the champion gunner of the service when he was a midshipman. Harness that holds chickens' wings down and prevents them flying away from home has been patented by a

#### THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

May 15, 1915.

Russians completely driven from Jaroslav and all towns on west

Austrian Tenth army arrived ront of Przemysl.

Russians drove Teutons back ter niles in Bukowina.

Turks repulsed allies near Avi American note on Lusitania de-

ivered to Germany. Russian Black Sea fleet de stroyed 24 Turkish vessels.

German submarine sank Danish

steamer Martha without warning

May 16, 1915. British broke German line near La Bassee and won mile of terri-

Lively fighting in Champagne. Russians massed behind the San and Austrians behind the Pruth. Germans defeated by Russians n Baltic provinces.

May 17, 1915.

British made more gains in La Bassee region. French and Belgians drove Ger nans across Yser canal. Austrians captured Drohobycz,

entral Galicia. Russians repulsed Germans at Shavii.

Zeppelins dropped bombs on Ramsgate.

May 18, 1915.

French made gains near Ablain. Germans repulsed British south Neuve Chapelle.

Austro-Germans began bombardnent of Przemysl forts. Russians attacked vigorously in

outh Poland. Two Zeppelins destroyed by al-

Premier Asquith announced reorganization of British cabinet.

May 19, 1915.

Germans Captured French trenches on heights of Lorette. British repulsed near Neuve

Austro-Germans forced crossings the San river. Russians broke Austrian right in

Bukowina. Turks drove allies from advanced positions near Kara Burnu, Gallip-

German submarine sank two British steamers.

May 20, 1915. French advanced in Champagne

and near Bagatelle. Tremendous fighting along the San river.

Allies attacked Turkish positions at Krithia and Atchi Baba, Gal-

Continuous bombardment of Nagara, Turkey, by allied fleet.

Przemysi bombarded by squadron of Austrian aeroplanes,

May 21, 1915. French drove Germans entirely

from Lorette heights. Canadians captured German post ion north of Ypres.

Desperate battle below Przemysi. British ship Glenholm sunk by gunfire from submarine.

#### COLLECTED ITEMS

An electrically lighted cross revolves

on top of a San Francisco steeple, The 554 people out of every thousand in Switzerland who save money must be compared with a meager 108 in this country, the difference accounting, according to a Chicago banker. for the fact that in our large cities one burial out of ten is made in a potter's field.

Pellagra may be prevented or cured

by proper diet. A large eastern railroad is instructing its signal erectors and testing its engineers' knowledge of signals by means of modern pictures shown in a car which travels over its lines,

"The flowers of Hawaii declare the glories of God, and the fish showeth his handiwork," declares a realistic, writer in the Christian Herald, asserting, by the way, that nowhere else in the world can fish be found in so many and such variegated hues as in the waters of these Pacific possessions of

Open air is the best spring tonic. Typhoid fever is a disease peculiar

to man. Mutual benefit insurance societies have been established in the public schools of Rome and other Italian cities The underlying idea is that pupils shall pay small weekly sums to a general fund, from which certain amounts are paid out in case of sickness, accident or death. The system is said to be growing rapidly.

There is an unquestionable record of hearing the firing at Ypres at a distance of 140 miles and a somewhat doubtful one of 150 miles.

Complete Success. "Somebody told Vanessa that if she would walk backward down the

stairs she would see her intended." "Did it work?" "Completely. She fell down the stairs and now she is engaged to the

young doctor they called in."

Feeding the Land. "Is this land rich?" asked the prospective purchaser, cautiously. "It certainly ought to be," replied the gentleman-farmer. "I have put all the money I had into it."



#### Fly Poison Kills More Children Than All Other Poisons Combined

For Safety's Sake, Use Is there in your home, anywhere within baby's reach, a saucer of arsenic poisoned paper floating in water, or a can with a sweetened poisoned wick?

During 1915, 26 cases of fly poisoning were reported from 11 states; in 1914, 46 cases from 14 states. Fly poison kills more

children than all other po Yet fly poison still is left unguarded except in the homes where mothers have earned that the safe, sure, man-poison

The Journal of the Michigan State Medical ociety comments thus in a recent issue: "Symptoms of arsenical poisoning are very imilar to those of cholera infantum; un-

molera infantum.

"We repeat, arsenical fly destroying devices are dangerous and should be abolished. Health officials should become aroused to prevent further loss of life from their source. Our Michigan Legislature, this last session, passed a law regulating the sale of poisonous fly pages."

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known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Euriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Haven't the Nine Points. "Blessed are the meek," quoted the deacen in reproving the backslider,

"for they shall inherit the earth." "They may inherit all right, deacon." said the irreverent one, "but somehow or other they never seem to get possession."

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Very Sudden. It was the last half of the fourth inning, and the home team had three men on bases and nobody out. The next man up was the best batter on the team, if not in the entire league. three buts and wearing a confident smile on his face. The stands were in an uproar of enthusiasm.

Suddenly the umpire stepped forward and held up his hand. "Game called on account of darkness," he announced. He leaves a widow and three chil-



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